

SEPTEMBER

About People  
and Things  
By C. B. McDowell

RETURNS TO HOSPITAL

Dick Brown is again quite ill at his home suffering from the recurrence of a kidney ailment which put him in the hospital a large part of the time last year. He has undergone considerable treatment. Mrs. Brown said it is expected he will re-enter the hospital as soon as arrangements can be made.

CONSTRUCTION FINISHED

T. M. Stroud, contractor in charge of constructing the new Emergency Aid Funeral Home, stated Monday that his workers would finish this week. He said they should be out of the new building by Thursday or Friday. It will then take some time to completely furnish the funeral home so a definite opening day has not been set.

A new Cadillac ambulance for use in Elba has arrived and is now at Dorsey Chevrolet. It is a new model and features the latest improvements in ambulance-hearse design.

DR. BRASWELL TOO HOT

Dr. W. C. Braswell, while out in his cotton fields Tuesday, became overheated and was carried to his home. The attending physician said he did not think Dr. Braswell suffered a sunstroke but just got too hot. This condition Wednesday morning was reported satisfactory. It is not thought he will suffer any serious effects.

SICK FOLKS ABOUT SAME

There are three prominent Elba sick folks whose condition is the object of frequent inquiry. They are Dr. W. C. Crook, Mrs. J. J. Farris and W. J. Bullard. Reports from Dr. Crook say that his condition shows some improvement but Mrs. Farris and Mr. Bullard show little change.

OLD ORDINANCE

Mrs. A. G. Jones has called our attention to an item in the Birmingham Age-Herald stating that Elba has an ordinance requiring housewives to sweep in front of their home before 9 o'clock in the morning.

About a year ago City Clerk T. D. Kendrick called my attention to such an ordinance in an old book he had in his office. I commented on it in my column and it is probable that the Age-Herald is just now digging it up. It is surprisingly ludicrous to learn of the many ridiculous ordinances and laws still on record in cities throughout the country.

LONG-LIVED FAMILY

Mr. & Mrs. S. S. Edmondson, Milton Edmondson and two sons Mr. & Mrs. James Martin and children and Mr. & Mrs. Paul Collier attended a family reunion in Fairburn, Ga., Sunday. It was in celebration of the son of Mr. Edmondson's 84th birthday. It is observed each Sunday before Labor Day.

In discussing the longevity of the Edmondson family, Mrs. Edmondson said she had a sister who lived to be 97 and an uncle who lived to be 124, the oldest in the Atlanta region. Mrs. Edmondson said the old patriarch used to be a center of attraction at Atlanta cotton shows with his elaborate cotton garb.

COUNCIL MEET POSTPONED

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Elba City Council on Monday night was postponed until Sept. 10. Mayor L. P. Mullins stated it was hoped by that time the City's application for its bond issue to provide money for the expansion program will be approved and the needed funds made available.

Mayor Mullins said the necessary legal technicalities have been completed but there is a lot of red tape connected with such a matter and it takes time to get the ball rolling.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The recent meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education was largely devoted to routine business.

Mr. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Dallas Wise, to accept the list of teachers as read by Supt. E. G. Crook. The motion was unanimously adopted. Christmas holidays were set from Dec. 21 through Dec. 31.

MISSISS COFFEE SINGS

Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Batchelor of Phenix City, visited relatives in Elba and near New Brockton during the Labor Day weekend. Mr. Batchelor is employed by the Muscogee Manufacturing Co. in Columbus, Ga. He said he enjoys living in Phenix City and working in Columbus, but misses the good old Sassafras in Coffee county. He said he never misses an opportunity to come back.

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## Coffee Teachers Meet Here on Saturday for Their Annual Institute

Coffee County's public school teachers assembled at Elba High School Saturday, Sept. 1 for the annual institute.

Supt. of Schools E. G. Crook stated that he was unable to attend the institute. He said the teachers will receive a raise in salary but the exact amount could not be determined pending a ruling from the attorney general.

Mr. R. L. Bates, principal of Coffee County High, conducted group singing and gave an opening devotion.

Ed Trawick, president of the County Teachers' Association, presided over a short business session. The Association gave Supt. Crook a vote of thanks for his efforts in securing a raise in salary for teachers. Mr. Trawick was requested to write a letter of thanks to J. E. Pittman, head of the county school board for his help and influence in the institute.

Mr. L. L. Farris, who was elected this spring to represent Coffee County teachers at the N. E. A. and is now in San Francisco, Calif., was scheduled to make the institute address. Mr. Farris stated that he was unable to attend the N. E. A. because of a serious illness in his family.

Enterprise, who spoke to the group. She impressed the teachers with the fact that they are giving a valuable service to the youth of the county. Following the talk the teachers went into group meetings for short business and organizations sessions.

Ice cold drinks and sandwiches were provided for at the meeting through the courtesy of Sawyer Candy Co. of Elba.

HOT WEATHER  
BREAKS RECORDS

August 1951 will go down in the records as the hottest August in which even the oldest residents have any memory. Maximum temperatures of over 90 degrees were registered every day during the month but two, and every day but four had a reading of 95 or higher. On six days thermometers registered 100 or above.

It was hoped that September would put an end to the excessive heat but the first six days have kept up with August. The weatherman doesn't predict the end of the torrid weather as yet.

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Several scuppernong vines at the home of Rev. J. E. Plant in Phenix City are receiving all the attention these days. The tasty fruit is just getting ripe. The friends of Rev. Plant are just getting ripe. The friends of Rev. Plant are just getting ripe.

COTTON QUIZ

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## VISIT IN ELBA

Mr. & Mrs. Leon Ham of Selma, Ala., and Mrs. Lawrence Ham of Birmingham, Ala., visited Jolly, Mrs. Lena Lee Walker, and Miss Nell Walker of Auburn visited in Elba and attended the Elba reunion at Beaver Dam church Sunday.

## BRANTLEY ROAD SEWING

Mrs. T. Rhodes was visited by the Brantley Road Sewing Circle at her home on Wednesday. The spacious screen porch where the guests assembled was attractively decorated with plants and cut flowers.

The hostess, assisted by Mrs. H. B. Larkins, served refreshments to eight circle members and one visitor.

Misses Eleanor and Judith Branson recently returned from a visit to Seaside and New York City. They also visited points in the Catalina Mountains.

Miss Eleanor Branson has returned to Moultrie, Ga., and Miss Judith Branson to Fairhope, Ala., where they are members of the school faculties.

Mr. & Mrs. Parker of Mobile were week end guests of their parents, Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Parker.

Mr. & Mrs. G. C. Clark have recently returned from Perry, Fla., where they were guests of Mr. & Mrs. Jerry House. They also visited several points of interest on the Florida coast.

## BAPTIST W. M. U.

The Baptist W. M. U. held its regular monthly business meeting in the social hall of the church Monday afternoon.

Sam Sawyer, president, presided. Mrs. J. M. Kimmy gave the devotional. Prayers were led by Mrs. O. M. Fox.

The following officers were elected for the new year: President, Mrs. J. M. Kimmy; first vice president, Mrs. Sam Sawyer; second vice president, Mrs. Arthur Boutwell; third vice president, Mrs. J. M. Kimmy; secretary, Mrs. J. W. Parker.

treasurer, Mrs. J. D. Hudson; mission study chairman, Mrs. B. S. Franklin; community mission, Mrs. Doreen Bryan; stewardship, Mrs. C. E. Dorsey Sr.; White Cross, Mrs. E. L. Spurlin.

Young People's councilors: Y. W. A.—Mrs. B. S. Franklin; Int. G. A.—Mrs. Louise Dismore; Int. C. A.—Mrs. Rose Deal; Int. R. A.—Wiley Stanford; Int. R. A.—Mrs. O. M. Fox; Sunbeam band—M. Neal Hutto; chairman, Benice Fox; Mrs. E. L. Blackmon; Fannie E. S. Hook; Mrs. E. G. Bruger; Ida Anderson—Mrs. Sam Sawyer.

Mrs. J. D. Labert and Betty Jo visited Mrs. J. M. Kimmy and other relatives last weekend.

## END MISS KENDRICK'S COPY

Walter Moody who covered a shorter course—from Foley Barbershop to the theater.

Mr. & Mrs. T. C. Whitman have returned from St. Louis, Mo., where they were during the months of August.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank J. Clark and Norfolk, Va., after a visit with their parents, Mrs. H. J. Clark and Mr. & Mrs. P. B. Taylor.

Mr. & Mrs. John L. Greene and daughter Betty Lou have returned to Omaha, Neb., after a short visit with Mrs. Greene's mother, Mrs. H. C. Clark and Capt. Greene's sister, Mrs. C. E. Kendrick.

## KOREA BOUND

Sgt. Howard Stroud, Sgt. Randall Hatway and Pfc. Norman Osborn have been transferred from A. Btry, 93rd P. A. Bn. to Camp Bonanza, Calif. for duty in the Far Eastern command.

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## DEFENSE BOND QUOTA

Sam Sawyer, chairman of the Defense Bond Drive in the Elba Division has announced that the county has a goal of \$30,000. This drive runs from Labor Day until Oct. 27 and its principal purpose will be to help keep the economy of this country strong, thus directly aiding the defense effort, help lick inflation which will lick us if we allow it to get out of control, and to help each individual build financial security for the future.

William Henry Prescott, meat cutter at Piggy Wiggly, dropped a long carving knife on his foot while on duty Wednesday. The keen knife penetrated his shoe and made a deep wound in his foot. The attending physician pronounced the wound not serious but advised William to stay in bed for a few days.

## WINS RACE AGAINST TIME

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## "SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON HARDER

There is considerable speculation in Washington as to just who the Defense Department is trying to do.

So far the crushing blow dealt by the Defense Department has been to the American free enterprise system.

This fact, brought out in a sharply worded report by the Senate Small Business Committee headed by Sen. J. C. Sparkman, (D., C. W. Harder, Ala.), is titled "Concentration of Defense Contracts in Industry."

It shows monopoly has scored its greatest victory since Korea.

The Committee reports that during World War II ten big corporations held 30 per cent of the defense contracts, and 100 corporations held 70 per cent.

But now, since Korea, the Big Ten hold 40% of the total new defense contracts, and two-thirds of all contracts are now held by only 50 corporations.

The committee calls for immediate action.

In the language of the report "this trend of concentration of defense contracts must be immediately reversed and defense contracts spread widely in industry to guarantee a broad and growing industrial base, if this two-pronged imbalance is not to undermine our economy, retard our mobilization effort, and threaten monopoly beyond hope of displacement in our time."

Probably no bitter criticism of a government agency has ever been launched.

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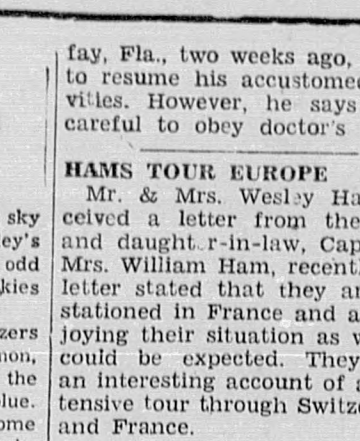
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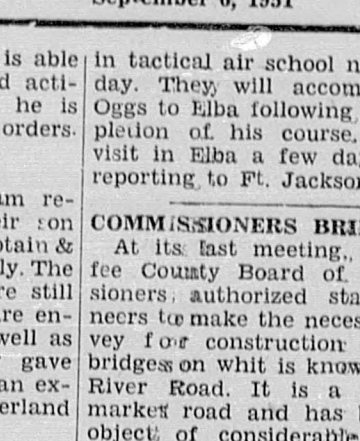
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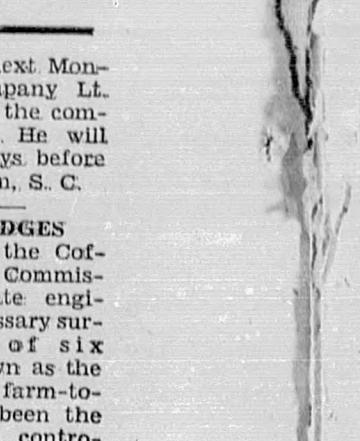
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**Vablaricums Given Party on Tuesday**  
Mrs. Van Vablaricum of Portland, Maine, was accompanied Tuesday morning when Miss Nina English and Mrs. Lister Brunson were hostesses at a soft drink party given at the home of Miss English.

Late summer flowers, featuring dahlias and marigolds decorated the reception rooms. Party refreshments were served to the guests of honor, Messrs. Frank Rainer Jr., Roy King, Oscar Vaughan Jr., Lamar Vaughan, Willy Stanford, Bill Bruce, Ed Cooper, Lamar Rainer Jr., Miss Martha Rainer and the hostesses.

Mr. & Mrs. Mack Andress and Miss Winnie Bowden of Montgomery were weekend guests of Mrs. Dan Bowden and Mr. & Mrs. Cleo Hawkins.

**Don't Be A Killer Obey—Traffic Laws**

**CECIL Drive-In**  
Highway 84—Midway—Enterprise and New Brockton  
PROGRAM FOR THE WEEK

**Friday September 7**  
Tyronne Power and  
Micheline Presle  
"American Guerrillas  
In Philippines"

**Saturday September 8**  
Gene Autry  
Elena Verdugo  
Big Sombraero  
Also  
Ruth Warrick  
Ron Randall  
Make Believe  
Ballroom

**Sunday & Monday Sun.-Mon. Sept. 9-10**  
Dennis Morgan  
Betsy Drake  
Pretty Baby

**Tues.-Wed. Sept. 11-12**  
Tokyo Joe  
Humphrey Bogart  
Alexander Knox

**Thurs.-Fri. Sept. 13-14**  
James Stewart  
Shelley Winter  
Winchester 73

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The passing of a loved one is a very personal sorrow. We cannot undertake to make it less so. However, your friends and neighbors at Emergency Aid will do everything they can to ease the stress of sorrow. When the new Emergency Aid Funeral Home in Elba is completed, it will enable our staff, who have known you most of your life to provide a peaceful and inspiring service. Who could be better equipped to help you than your friends and neighbors? They will be able to take care of all the necessary details and arrangements with the least trouble. At their disposal will be a modernly equipped funeral parlor that was built to serve Elba and Southern Alabama.

**CHAPTER XVII**

They left the ranch house in Elba, the girl anxious and grim while Wenslow seemed to be occupied by his thoughts. The past two hours he had put the man into a dangerous mess which he still did not fully understand, and he seemed to be losing time to figure things out.

They left the trail after a few minutes and swung wide to the southwest through a rocky little canyon that was almost entirely hidden from the valley. It brought them out in lower country and they crossed a wide mesquite flat where the timber gave way to all the barbarous vegetation of the southwest. It was hard riding, but no one complained. Frazier said that Helen Bartlett was taking a pretty bad scratching from the cactus which grew so thickly in the canyon, but she did not complain and he was too much engrossed in his own pains to worry very much about it.

The rest of the day was just a bad dream to Dan. He remembered the effort of getting back into the saddle and he had some hazy memories of holding himself erect while Wenslow let him swing on top of the saddle. Those were the pleasant moments of his nightmare, the rest was just a matter of grinding pain.

**Party Finally Reaches The Little Bear Mine**  
Then he awoke to find himself in some kind of a room. It was completely dark, but a dim glow near by indicated the presence of a fire. He was under a roof, in a building, but he could not understand why he was there. He was alone, and he had been left and why didn't somebody strike a light?

He stirred gently, testing his stiffened muscles and trying to decide whether it was worth the added pain to pull himself up and take a look around. Instantly a guard's whisper told him the reason for the lack of light.

"Quiet," Helen Bartlett's voice came cautiously. "We don't want to be discovered. Lie still."

He felt the girl's hand on his shoulder, its pressure insistent but comforting. In spite of his sense of danger he liked the touch, so he turned aside and tried to relax his mind into some semblance of clear thought. She seemed to realize his complexity, for she leaned toward him, her lips close to his ears as she explained, "We're in the old minehouse of the Little Bear mine. There were four riders in the gulch just at dusk. Mexicans, I think. We don't know whether they went away or not. Wenslow and Rafferty are out scouting now."

"Who's Rafferty?" he asked, matching her whisper.

"Careful. He doesn't know who we're here, but he hasn't had time to ask questions. He just knows we're here and he's got to keep us out of his way. He's got to keep us out of his way. He's got to keep us out of his way."

"Ten long minutes dragged by and then there was the sound of a foot fall outside. Helen pulled her hand loose from his and Dan knew that she was reaching for a weapon. "Who's my gun?" he asked.

Before she could reply there was a cautious hand on the outer darkness. "I'm coming in," Wenslow's voice warned. "Don't get ideas."

Wenslow came in then, his first words a warning. "Don't strike a light. Rafferty's still out there, trying to figure out where the police went to. Last we seen of 'em they was riding off toward the south end of the gulch. They must have seen something that don't figure they see anything of us here, but we can't be sure."

"Is he going to stand guard out there?" Helen asked.

"For a spell. Then I'll relieve him. We don't want to take no chances in being surprised during the night."

"I'm getting awful curious," Frazier remarked significantly. "What happened that I don't know about?" Wenslow chuckled darkly. "I reckon on the first thing is about five miles of riding. You passed out when we still had that far to go. Somehow that lady kept ye from falling out the saddle and about dusk we found the mine. The guard let us come in—mostly because the insisted—and then the Mexes showed up. We been watchin' them ever since."

"Did you learn anything?"

"A little. They're curious about this mine."

"But they didn't try to come closer?"

"Nope. That's what seems to make 'em so dangerous in my way of thinkin'. They musta seen something to make 'em stay away."

"What did they finally do?"

"Scrammed off down a gulch toward the border. Rafferty's tryin' to see whether they left a spy on the job or whether all of 'em slipped off."

"I guess we're in for it," Frazier said quietly. "It sounds like a Cananda scouting party to me. They've looked the place over. Now they're gone back for help before they try to rush us."

"Is there anything we can do about it?"

"Only what we planned to do when we arrived. Find some way of blocking their game. If the bandit crowd ever gets its dirty paws on those

## Summertime Is Picnic Time



A picnic is something that nothing is more fun than. That's a statement that millions of Americans are proving right at this time. Summertime is outdoor eating time—a time to enjoy good food which has the added sauce of sunshine and fresh air.

Probably everyone has wondered where that peculiar word "picnic" came from. The American Bakers Association has run down its history and comes up with half an explanation.

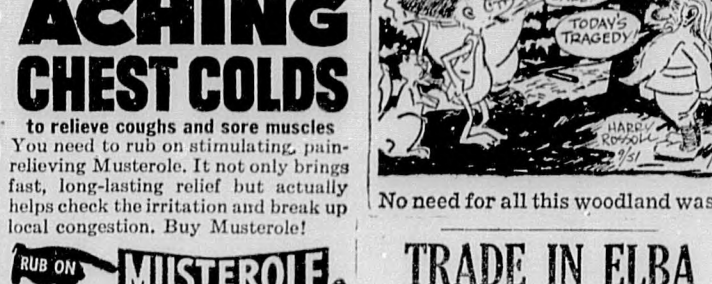
"Pic" apparently originated from the French word "pique," meaning "to pick,"—as in pick and choose, no doubt, from the variety of foods available at most picnics. But history has not recorded who slapped the "nic" on the end of the pic.

Picnics started hundreds of years ago. Originally these were group affairs, where each family brought foods and everyone helped himself to what he wanted. Just when picnics began to be an important part of American living no one knows, but if it were classed as one of the outdoor sports, attendance each year would rank above baseball, football or basketball and maybe all of them combined.

Miss Doris Carpenter who attended summer school at Auburn College, Montevideo is at home with her parents for a few days. She will return to Alabama College for the fall term.

M. & Mrs. Lynn Padgett, Mr. & Mrs. Hugo Smith spent Sunday in Panama City.

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**TRADE IN ELBA**

**DEFENSE OF MINE Planned by Mine**

"It looks that way. Did you have any plans for getting word to your people in the event of trouble?"

"Nope. Nobody looked for trouble."

"Well, it's coming—and you might as well know what you can expect. I've sent out a report and a request for troops. I think I'll get quick action on the request. We've got to hold until those troops arrive."

"How long?"

"Let's see. This Wednesday, isn't it? The message went out early this morning. It should reach the proper hands tonight. If we get the best action for which we can hope there should be troop orders issued during the night. The soldiers can't reach Caliente Junction before dawn, even if they get a double-quick order. That would bring them to Mesa Verde late tomorrow. Figure it out from there."

"Can we expect no help before Friday noon?" Helen said, her voice calm but grim.

"No help from that quarter," Frazier answered. "There's always a chance that Marshal Emery or someone else in Mesa Verde might get wind of what's happening and decide to take a hand."

"My father, for instance. He has new ready to follow him. Perhaps they will arrive in time to help us."

"Their campaign was pretty well outlined by the time dawn invaded the gulch. Still Frazier was glad for the daylight. He wanted to see the lay of the land, particularly the relative positions of the storehouse and the mine shaft which held the hidden munitions. In spite of Helen's protests he walked into the gray light of early morning, handling himself gingerly, but content that he was feeling none of the light-headedness which might have resulted from the ride. His wounded ribs ached painfully, but he knew that he would be able to handle himself reasonably well in the sort of battle which promised to develop.

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The girl spoke swiftly. "Then I think we should try to find some way of blowing up the tunnel. There must be powder of some sort that could be used for the purpose. Then there would be no reason for an attack to be made. No one could get anything."

"I don't like to do that," Frazier murmured. "For two reasons. We might need the supplies for some one on our side if this thing develops—and I'm still thinking of my own position. I'll have to justify all the alarm I've caused back at headquarters, and those guns will be valuable evidence to me."

A new voice hailed from just beyond the doorway and the conference broke up. A man came in, the neck of a particularly odorous pipe accompanying him. "Looks like all quiet for a spell," he announced. "How's yer partner?"

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He proved himself quickly, handing the problems of the cliff ascent so deftly that within the hour Frazier was resting behind a sort of rocky parapet, while Wenslow and Helen were disposing of the guns, ammunition and other supplies which Rafferty was sending up by way of the rope.

A careful survey of the narrow valley disclosed no sign of an enemy, so he turned back to select rifles from the abundant stock which had been hoisted to the ledge. Evidently Rafferty had raided the stores in the mine tunnel, for there were at least a dozen brand new Winchester rifles in the addition to the miscellaneous arms which had been brought from the ranch house. The defense was going to be well armed, that was sure.

He picked out four rifles, loaded them, and checked their sights for accuracy. Then he glanced around again and saw to his complete dismay that Helen Bartlett was no longer on the ledge.

Wenslow caught his glance and interpreted it. "She went down the rope," he volunteered. "Said she had another chore to tend to."

Peering over the edge, Frazier was just in time to see her disappear into the mouth of the abandoned mine shaft. Rafferty was not in sight and he waited anxiously for them to reappear. There seemed to be no reason why she should have descended. Food, water and munitions were all in place. It was foolhardy to risk being trapped down there when the enemy might appear at any moment.

"Then minutes went by, minutes which seemed like hours, and still there was no sound from the pair below. Frazier divided his attention between the yawning hole below him and the lower end of the gulch. Then his worst fears were realized. A pair of sombreros bobbed into view above the mesquite, followed by several others. Within the space of a minute a dozen riders were in plain sight and more were pouring out of the canyon. Even at the distance there could be no doubt as to their identity. The ragamuffin army of the bandit Candino was debouching into the little valley.

Frazier knew again the agony of fear which had gripped him when he had heard those first shots at the ranch house. The attack was coming in force—and Helen was down there in the mine. She would have to scale the steep rocks to reach shelter.

He leaned out over the edge, shouting a hoarse warning. An answer floated back to him and he saw that both Helen and Rafferty were coming out of the shaft. They were delaying for some reason or other, but he did not have time to be curious. His job was to prepare for a delaying action which would permit him to make the climb.

The distance was still too great for good shooting, but he caught the leaders bunching and sent a great shout to the bandits to halt. The entrance to the abandoned shaft was just about a hundred feet from the rocky shack in which they had spent the night, and a single glance indicated that neither place was going to be a good spot to set a trap. The storehouse was too flimsy, offering no protection against flying bullets, while the

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## GOOD HEALTH

1. WILL EXERCISE REDUCE WEIGHT?  
2. DO MANY WOMEN HAVE HARDENING OF THE ARTERIES?  
3. SHOULD YOU HAVE A FAMILY DOCTOR?

1. Exercise alone is futile. While it will reduce weight, because it helps use up energy, it also stimulates the appetite. Two exercises help tremendously, (1) pushing one's chair away from the table when dessert is served, (2) turning the head slowly from right to left and back again when second helpings are offered.

2. Because of their happy faculty of depositing fat in places other than the inner walls of their arteries, women are far less likely to become victims of hardening of the arteries than men.

3. A family doctor is your protection. He is your best friend and will respond to every call, whether trifling or serious. He knows your background, and the years, can therefore be your best advisor.

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## Attendance at Public Schools Is Almost 100 Above that of 1950-51

Elba's public schools opened Monday morning one week behind the scheduled date. Start at classes was deferred to allow rural students to help the surprisingly large and rapidly maturing cotton crop.

The exercises were held in the school auditorium with an attendance that taxed the capac-

Coffee Springs and Victoria junior highs were closed and students transferred to Elba. Pupils of the first three grades had separate opening exercises because all the students could not get in the auditorium. Auditorium exercises were opened with the band playing "The

A full complement of teachers is available but instructors are handicapped by a shortage of classroom space. At least two additional classrooms are needed.

## SISTER OF MAYOR MULLINS INJURED

Mayor L. P. Mullins was notified Sunday evening that his sister had been seriously injured in an auto accident near Peiham, Ga. Mayor Mullins left on Sunday evening for Georgia and has not yet returned. Definite information concerning the accident was not available Wednesday morning.

From best sources available the story goes that the injured

woman and her husband had been visiting in Cairo, Ga., and were returning to Atlanta. Near Pelham a car driven by a preacher came out of a side road in front of them. In the collision the preacher was killed and the mayor's sister injured so badly that she had not regained consciousness at last report.

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## Night Operations Are

## No Longer Necessary At Local Cotton Gins

Many farmers say they have been greatly surprised at the way their cotton turned out. While the unusually dry weather conditions did constitute damage, the boll weevil ravages were held to a minimum. There were few picking interruptions on account of weather and the quality was exceedingly high.

practically all of it grading in the middling class.

It is estimated that when the cotton crop is all in, Elba gins will have turned out approximately 3,500 bales, which is the most ginned here in several seasons. The price ranging from 15 1-2 cents down to 34 cents a pound, has been somewhat disappointing. The better than expected yields and the high grade have combined to give growers satisfactory returns.

When the government urged farmers to plant as much cotton

tion as possible to meet war requirements, prices of 40-45 cents a pound were envisaged. Coffee farmers did not fall into this dream so far as to discard their diversified farming and livestock programs, as happened in some areas. In hardly any instances did farmers allow the lure of high cotton prices to interfere with normal agricultural activities.

